

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



April 25, 2005

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2005 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: April 25, 3PM - There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 0% very short, 17% short, 74% adequate, and 9% surplus.

CROPS: Many farmers made tremendous progress last week with planting rice, corn, sorghum, and soybeans. Herbicides are being applied to rice, corn, and sorghum. Some farmers are flushing rice fields for emergence. In some areas, cotton farmers are holding off planting due to lower nighttime temperatures. Cotton planting has started in other areas. Strawberry picking is in progress.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are reported to be in good condition. Beef producers are working cattle and calves. Some producers are fertilizing pastures and spraying to control weeds in their pastures and hay fields.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
Planted	85	70	91	89					
Emerged	56	45	73	63					
SOYBEANS									
Planted	16	8	19	12					
SORGHUM									
Planted	50	19	41	51					
Emerged	11	2	27	20					
COTTON									
Planted	7	1	11	8					
RICE									
Planted	51	13	64	57					
Emerged	11	2	27	20					
WHEAT					0	8	46	40	6
Headed	49	18	65	58					
HAY - OTHER					0	7	19	71	3
HAY - ALFALFA					0	3	31	65	1
PASTURE & RANGE					1	3	32	53	11

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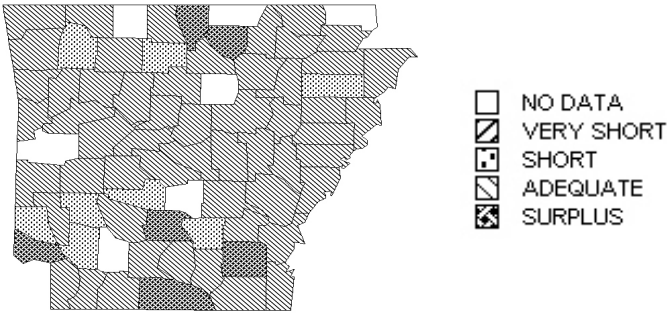
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

April 24, 2005. Temperatures were above normal. Precipitation in most areas of the state. Eudora recorded the high temperature of 89°. Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 29°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.60 inches at Mountain Home to 0.00 inches at several areas.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: April 24, 2005

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING APR 24	CURR APR ACCUM.	APR NORMAL	JAN-MAR	
							2005	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	80	30	1	0.03	3.72	4.33	7.94	8.72
Harrison	81	35	1	0.16	2.11	4.09	8.57	9.51
2 Calico Rock	83	31	2	1.31	3.28	4.36	12.18	10.43
Gilbert	83	29	-1	0.13	3.05	4.05	11.15	9.77
Greers Ferry	83	41	1	0.02	2.86	5.02	10.15	11.94
Mountain Home	81	39	3	1.60	4.69	4.13	12.19	10.22
3 Batesville	84	34	3	0.30	3.55	4.76	11.22	11.10
Jonesboro	84	37	1	0.15	3.60	4.99	11.28	11.30
Keiser	88	36	4	0.09	4.06	4.90	12.68	12.34
Newport	87	42	3	0.02	2.49	5.01	11.66	11.63
4 Booneville	85	33	-2	0.00	1.25	4.32	9.60	10.38
Clarksville	82	36	3	0.00	2.57	4.48	11.11	10.20
Dardanelle	82	39	1	0.12	2.49	4.24	10.08	10.94
Ft. Smith	86	36	2	0.01	2.38	3.91	7.69	8.90
Mena	81	38	2	0.70	2.96	5.20	10.42	12.13
Ozark	81	35	1	0.01	2.29	3.63	13.53	10.03
5 Conway	84	39	1	0.05	2.50	5.00	10.90	11.20
Hot Springs	86	37	2	0.06	2.47	5.31	12.24	12.94
Little Rock	83	40	3	0.03	2.60	5.47	11.28	11.82
N Little Rock	83	40	1	0.03	2.60	5.03	10.90	11.52
Brinkley	84	41	4	0.04	3.52	5.19	13.02	12.45
Marianna	84	36	3	0.00	4.76	5.30	11.43	13.62
Stuttgart	86	40	2	0.03	5.97	5.29	11.52	11.52
7 Hope	84	43	2	0.04	1.53	4.89	9.22	13.12
Texarkana	84	42	1	0.00	1.59	3.95	7.78	10.97
8 Camden	85	37	1	0.00	2.68	4.63	9.78	13.82
El Dorado	85	37	0	0.00	4.03	4.55	9.28	14.32
Warren	84	39	1	0.01	4.75	5.13	10.29	15.48
9 Eudora	89	46	2	0.00	3.93	6.15	10.33	16.72
Pine Bluff	85	42	2	0.00	2.64	5.14	11.61	13.29
Rohwer	85	42	3	0.00	4.59	5.07	12.58	14.61